

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Food for Tribal Students

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any scheme for providing food to the students of the tribal welfare schools and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the measures taken by the Government to safeguard the girl students in such schools; and
- (c) the details of the procedure fixed for medical check-up of such students?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA)

(a): Ministry of Tribal Affairs does not have a separate scheme for providing food to the students enrolled in the Tribal Schools. For Ekalavya Model Residential Schools, from grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution, Rs.42,000/- per student per year is given for various expenses. Residential schools, in general, run by various States/UTs bear the cost of meals. All these schools are eligible for Mid Day meal scheme of Ministry of Human Resource Development till class VIII. For schools run by NGOs/Voluntary Organizations with funds received from the Ministry, Rs.220/- p.m. per student is given as diet charges in Non-Residential Schools and Rs.660/- p.m. per student in Residential Schools. In the case Low Literacy Districts, an amount of Rs.750/- p.m. per student is provided by the Ministry for mess charges.

- (b): To ensure physical safety of girl students, this Ministry is laying emphasis on
- I. Construction of Residential Schools with Co-education having capacity of 200-300 students.
 - II. Construction of toilets
 - III. Engage lady wardens for Girls Hostel
 - IV. Boundary wall for Hostels
 - V. Detailed guidelines giving protocol to ensure Girl Students safety has been issued.

(c): Periodic health check-up of the students is conducted as per the guidelines of Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) which is supported under the NRHM. All Tribal Welfare Departments of the State Governments/UT Administrations have been directed to ensure health card for every child and also ensure independent third-party evaluation of the health check-up of the students. The steps that have been taken are:

- I. A protocol for Sickle Cell Disease screening has been laid out.
- II. Nutrition: To ensure proper nutrition, consumption of Minor Millets, traditional food, green leafy vegetables, development of kitchen garden, etc. are being encouraged.
- III. Deworming of children has been emphasised.
- IV. For Folic Acid Supplement, a protocol to be followed has been issued to all Tribal Welfare Departments.
